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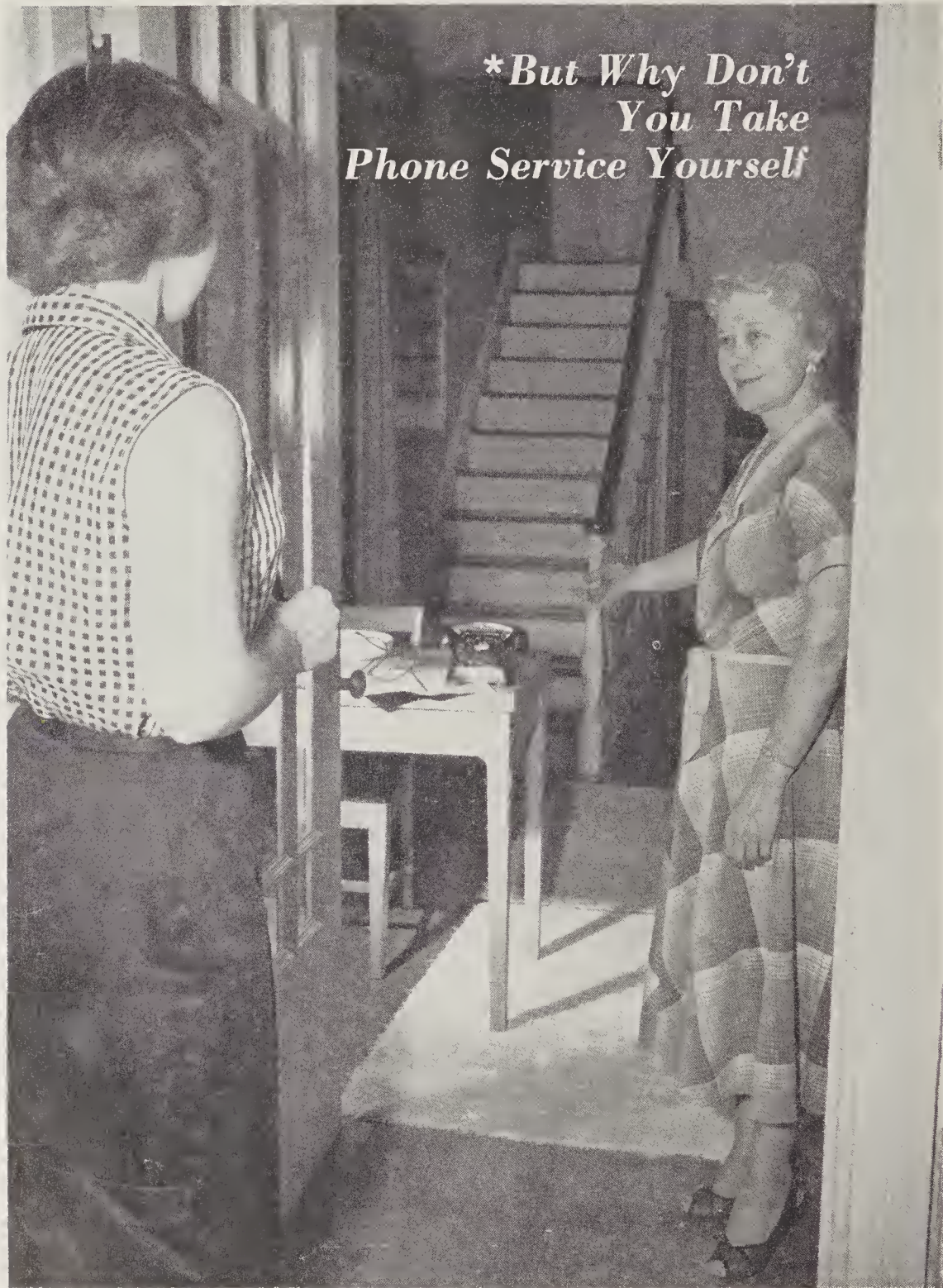
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# 'Of Course, Mrs. Jones'



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*\*Mrs. Smith didn't actually say this,  
but she sure was thinking it.*

OF COURSE, Mrs. Jones may "borrow" the Smith's phone. Whoever heard of anyone (in the country, at least) being so unfriendly as to refuse to let a neighbor use the phone. The fact is, though, Mrs. Jones is being a mighty poor neighbor in asking.

These two neighbors live on the same rural road, less than a quarter-mile apart, and the same telephone co-op line that serves the Smiths runs right in front of Mrs. Jones's house, but it doesn't earn any income there. The Smiths made

good *their* pledge to become a member of the cooperative when it was being organized. The Joneses said, "Yes, we would like to have a phone," but *they* never got around to paying their membership fee and joining the co-op. They didn't see much reason to as long as their neighbors had a phone.

COOPERATIVES exist through sharing—sharing expenses and benefits. When the Joneses "borrow" the Smith's phone, they are sharing the benefits without sharing the expenses.

*Be a good neighbor by sharing the responsibilities as well as the benefits  
of your area's telephone cooperative*





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Dear Reader:

EVERYBODY LIKES DAVE HAMIL, the REA administrator. He's as friendly as a beagle pup, and smart as a Colorado cattleman, which he is. Now the folks in Washington are saying that Hamil has been forced to support The Enemy—those power company-dominated politicians who want to raise interest rates on rural electric cooperatives, and send them into the caverns of Wall Street for their capital funds. Some observers don't believe Hamil was forced to stand with his administration at all. They say he has been with The Team all along, indeed is handling the soft-sell end of a snow job aimed at persuading farmers themselves to ask for higher REA interest rates and private financing.

BEING NEITHER A MIND-READER nor a member of The Team, I have no idea why or when Hamil came to accept his boss's philosophy on REA. Being among those who like David Hamil, I'm certainly not ready to attribute evil motives to him, but of one thing I am sure. If David Hamil *had* wanted farmers to pay more for their electricity, he wouldn't have dashed out and suggested it the first day Ike appointed him. More likely, he would have comported himself just exactly as he did.

He would have spent the first year or so winning friends, and he does so easily. He might go about the country patting the rural electric cooperatives on the back, getting chummy with directors and managers, and when anybody asked him what he thought about his administration's proposals to raise interest rates on REA loans, he'd answer, "I intend to administer the Rural Electrification Act as it is written," and dogged he'd do it, to everyone's satisfaction! And in the intimate little gatherings that follow a public meeting, he'd insinuate to his new friends that he was waging a private fight against administration sponsorship of two pieces of legislation that would (1) raise interest rates and (2) force the small rural electric systems into the open money market.

WHEN THE LEGISLATION came under public attack, it wouldn't have Dave Hamil to defend it, even though he's the logical member of the Eisenhower team to do so. Rather than destroy the strategic confidence the rural electric co-

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Photographer Ken Coake of Raleigh's News & Observer caught this picture during the height of Hurricane Helene, just after it had snopped off the utility pole bringing power to Wrightsville Beach. On rural electric cooperative systems up and down the coast, the scene was repeated many times. Despite winds that roached as high as 143 miles per hour (at Harkers Island), the co-ops had most services back in order within 24 hours after the storm. The cooperatives reported that they had more line breaks than in either Connie, Dione, or Hozel.



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# In the OPINION of

EZRA TAFT BENSON  
*Secretary of Agriculture*

## COOPERATIVES MUST INFORM THE PUBLIC

We all agree that cooperatives need to improve their public relations. But to paraphrase what Mark Twain said about the weather: "Everybody talks about it, but nobody does much about it."

Farmer cooperatives are free enterprises. They are a part of our private capitalistic system. They are democracy in action. They provide the vehicle whereby the individual farmer can join with his neighbor to gain the advantages of volumes and market strength without sacrificing his independence. They are a self-help pool that allows him to command the strength necessary to compete in our big business economy.

The contributions of our cooperatives have been many. Cooperatives have: (1) increased farmer's bargaining power; (2) improved distribution methods; (3) created new market outlets; (4) improved the quality of products and supplies; (5) provided more abundant low-cost credit, irrigation, insurance, and electric services; and (6) served as pace-setters in our highly competitive free enterprise system.

It would be almost impossible to over-estimate the value of farmer cooperatives to the farmers and ranchers of this country. Their concept of self-help, of group action, of freedom of enterprise has left a valuable and indelible mark on our history.

Cooperatives are economically, socially, and spiritually sound.

I have little patience with those who complain because Congress has at times given special recognition to farmer cooperatives—who contend that farmer cooperatives are socialistic—or who argue that cooperatives do not pay their fair share of taxes. In this country every citizen is free to select the form of business organization of his choice. He can be an individual proprietor; he can be a partner; he can form a conventional business corporation; or he can organize a cooperative association.

Those of us who believe in farmer cooperatives must be vigilant to see that the public is fully informed. We know the truth. Let's tell it to the world.

*Ezra Taft Benson*

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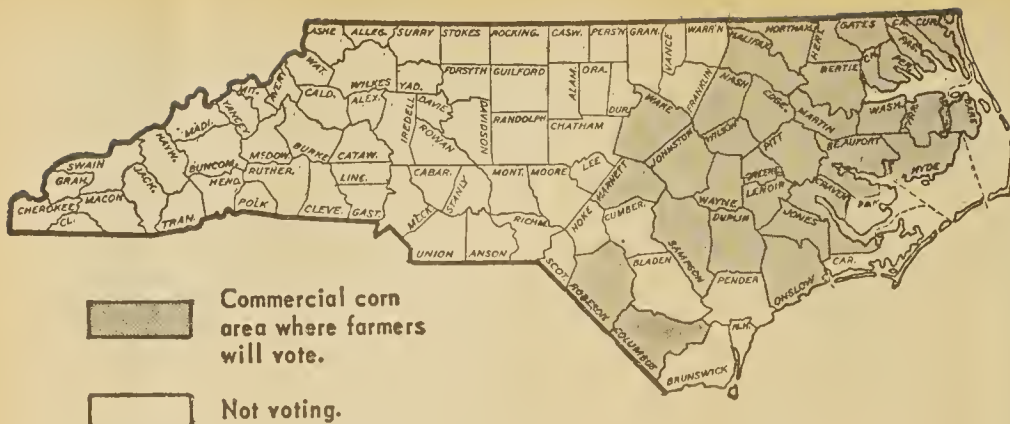
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## AROUND THE HOUSE



Electrical tips to help the  
home handyman—  
and woman, too

By C. L. Overman  
Agricultural Engineer

### Plug-Ins

Ever hunt and not find an outlet when you wanted to plug in a lamp? Most everyone has. For this reason many people put too many outlets in their home when they rewire or when they build a new home.

The "12-foot" rule is a good one to follow when you plan your wiring. It goes like this: Space wall outlets 12 feet apart along the wall and, at corners, six feet from the corners on each wall.

Most lamps, etc., are equipped with six-foot-long cords that will easily reach a wall outlet put in by the "12-foot" rule. For short walls, you may need to put outlets only three feet from the corners. In that case, the next outlet on the adjoining wall should be nine feet from the corner; thus you preserve your "12-foot" spacing.

### Drafts

Home heating bills are going to hurt every family in the next few months some harder than others. If your house permits cold drafts to come in around doors and windows, your bill will be higher than it should and you'll not be as comfortable as you'd like to be.

You can eliminate most of your drafts by weather-stripping your doors and putting up inexpensive storm windows. These two things will seal up loose "holes" in your house.

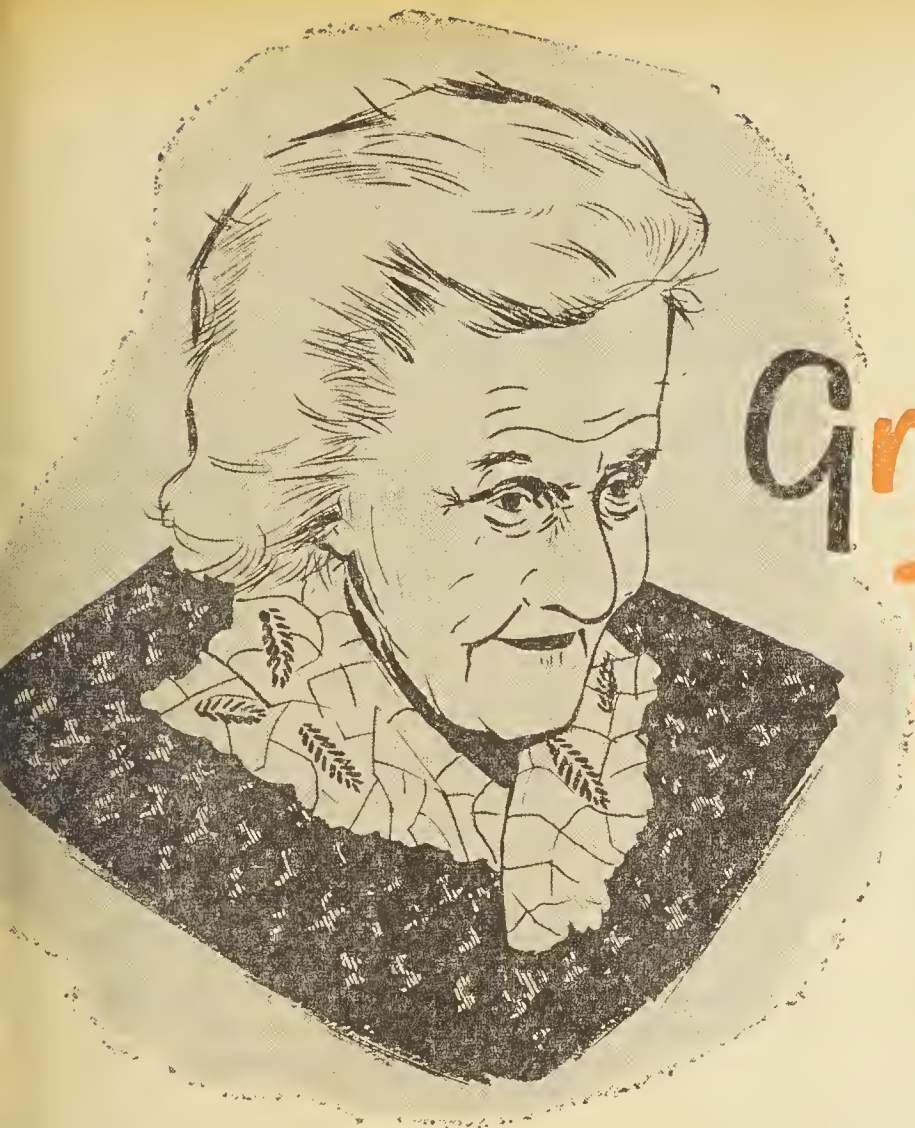
### Wet

The formation of droplets of water on the water pipes and fixtures is a nuisance for many homes. The pipes and fixtures are cooler than the surrounding air and any moisture in the air condenses on them.

A very reliable plumber tells us that sometimes changing the water tank or a commode will correct the problem there; there are tanks that have a lining that prevents moisture from forming on the outside.

Pipe can be insulated to correct moisture problem. The insulation prevents the warm house air from ever getting to the pipes and there is no chance for the moisture to form on them.





# Grandma's Remedies

By HELEN VIRDEN

leaves over the disturbed toe for fifteen days in succession.

Grandma thought cream of tartar was good for smallpox, alum and sugar relieved croup and the skin of a boiled egg would help a boil.

Grandma always gave her acclaim to a buckeye for rheumatism, a muskrat skin over the chest for asthma, asafetida for a guarantee against a cough and sassafras tea or sulphur and molasses for a tonic.

Grandma had her own ideas for the benefit of spices. It was her theory that spices had a special function in keeping the body healthy. The Majestic Stove Company had given her a cook book called "Things all Good Housekeepers Should Know" with her kitchen range and she always pointed to this as her authority. They asserted that the reason for taking spice in food was that the flavor tickled the glands of the stomach and made them work better. They also contended that they stirred up the liver which seemed to grandma to be a good thing.

She thought that vinegar helped digest raw vegetables and rarely served them without it. She also used sugar in her tea to prevent the tannic acid and albumen from forming a leathery substance.

If anyone had a sty grandma insisted that it be washed with warm poppy water to which had been added a grain of calomel and five grains of rhubarb. Or if these were not available, grandma had proved more than once a sty would be cured if it were rubbed with a ring.

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Whenever we have a health crisis in our family we wish for Grandma Blythe and her remedies.

Grandma Blythe was a "medicine man" of sorts. She could stop a nose bleed with brown wrapping paper, relieve a toothache with a goose quill and "pow-wow" fire out of a burn.

Many of grandma's remedies were herbs and common household supplies and she depended on a book called *New Receipts and Cures for Man and Beast* published in 1824, for information on how to use them effectively.

If anyone in our family had a slight burn we were rushed to Grandma Blythe to get the fire pow-wow'd out. She held the burned area between her palms and chanted a charm. Repeating this at regular intervals soon made the pain subside. As a child I was thrilled with her magic at work, never realizing that the timed application of her hands shutting out the air from the burn actually effected the cure.

Common colds and sore-throat came for the bulk of grandma's treatments and it always seemed to me that her "cures" were all severe and particularly "bad tasting."

The throat was bound with a silk

handkerchief, an old wool sock (unwashed) or a piece of raw beef. A camel hair brush was used to apply kerosene, turpentine, goose grease or myhr to the affected parts. Externally flannel cloths dipped in turpentine or camphor was applied for relief.

If the cold was followed by congestion of the lungs, flannel bags were filled with bran, heated and applied to the chest, alternating with a camphor rub.

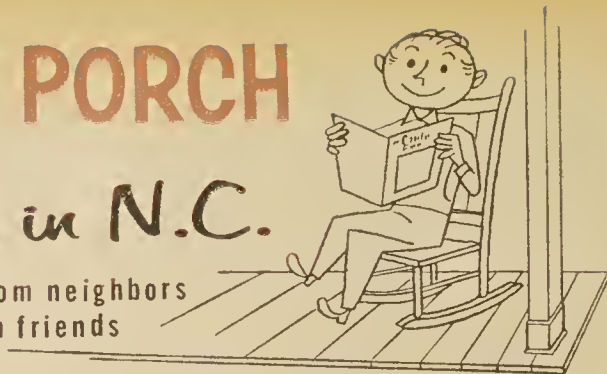
An onion poultice was considered by grandma to be the most effective cure for a chest cold. She made it two ways, depending on the severeness of the congestion. The simplest one was made by peeling onions, crushing them gently and putting them in an old sugar sack. The whole bag was placed in the oven, warmed evenly and applied to the chest. The best onion poultice was made by placing onions in a skillet and letting them simmer in their own juice and a little water for fifteen minutes. Then the liquid was thickened with cornmeal. Grandma added a little mustard and goose grease and a poultice was made that was a sure cure to loosen a chest congestion.

Grandma doctored corns by soaking ivy leaves in vinegar and placing the



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## MOUNTAIN MOLASSES

Did you ever think of molasses as a booster of farm income? Calvin Wheeler of Yancey County's Jacks Creek did, and he'll make about \$750 from an acre of cane. Wheeler equipped an old wheat mill with an adapter pulley and can now produce up to 40 gallons of molasses a day. This year he'll produce more than 250 gallons. And, at the rate of 250 gallons per acre and a selling price of \$3 per gallon, it doesn't take many acres to make molasses production a real farm income booster.

## COOPERATIVE LIVING

Community "togetherness" in the Harrell Hill community of Mitchell County has netted these results in a four-year period: a completed mailbox project, the organization of a cooperative to supply fertilizer to members at cost, completion of a community beautification project, and construction of a community house and installation of a pressure water system.

## STICK WITH IT!

Livestock specialists at N. C. State College advise Tar Heel swine producers, who are worried about the downward trend of hog prices, to "stick with it." Though hog prices are expected to drop this year, marketing specialists remind swine producers that there are few businesses that don't have an occasional price drop. Corn-hog ratio is expected to remain favorable into the first quarter of 1959 because of the lower corn prices predicted for harvest time this year.

## EGG MARKETING ASSOCIATION

Clayton Libeau, Extension Service poultry and egg specialist, is urging the creation of a strong egg marketing association to handle the state's increasing egg volume. Tar Heel egg production now accounts for 2 per cent of the nation's total supply, an increase of 7/10 per cent since 1950. At \$12 per case, this will add \$6 million annually to the income of North Carolina poultry men. Libeau believes egg production can be accelerated with a rapid shift

to out-of-state markets, new egg cases, central, uniform quality, and a smart bargaining agent. "North Carolina needs a strong egg marketing association," says Libeau, "one that can be made up from existing egg distributors."

## FARM WILDLIFE

"North Carolinians are realizing only one-eighth of the potential income from their lakes and ponds," says Dr. F. S. Barkalow, head of the zoology department at N. C. State. "Tar Heels have about \$54 million invested in some 23,000 farm ponds, which could produce 12,880,000 pounds of game fish and 64,000 pounds of non-game fish. But actually, only about 1,610,000 pounds of game fish were caught in farm ponds in 1955." Dr. Barkalow believes that a wildlife specialist could help the state's farmers realize more of the potential offered by their game crop.

## COOLING ROOMS

Two years ago L. B. Jordan and H. A. Vann were the only farmers in Gates County with egg cooling rooms. Now there are eight cooling rooms in that county with several more in the planning stages. Gates Farm Agent Alvin C. Newsome says these rooms are paying off: "One egg concern is now paying 3 cents more per dozen for eggs kept in a cooler."

## DYNAMITE HAZARDS

Though machinery has replaced to a great extent the uses of dynamite for clearing land and blasting ditches, sufficient quantities of the explosive are still being used to create a farm hazard. In 1956, blasting cap accidents increased 30 per cent over the previous year. In 1957, the accident rate rose another 21 per cent over 1956. During the first half of 1958, 70 children were injured by dynamite. To prevent this tragic toll, farmers should keep dynamite and dynamite caps under lock and key, out of the reach of children and irresponsible persons, and caps should not be brought in the house at the end of the day.

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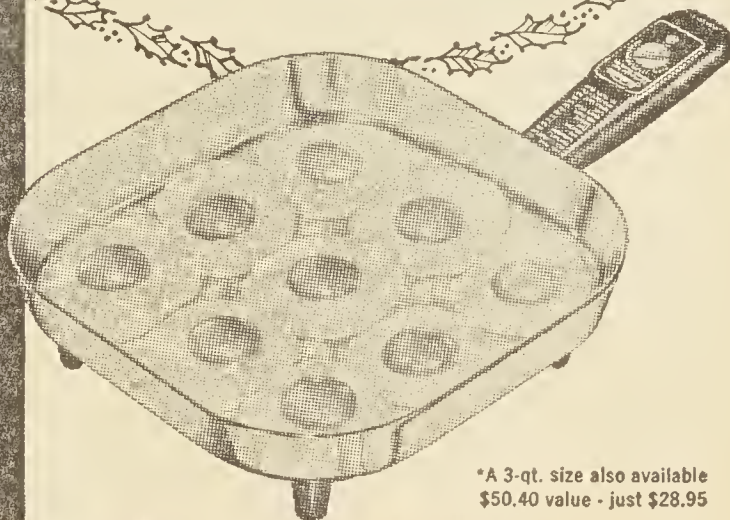


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# Dust-Free finger-tip Warmth

By C. L. OVERMAN



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The James Parkses of Union Grove have all-round comfort in their All-Electric home. Heat pump cools and warms these Davie EMC members.



Janet Parks gets additional heat in the bathroom instantly by setting thermostat on wall.

When Sherman L. Anderson, member of Surry-Yadkin EMC, and James M. Parks, Davie EMC member, started their new homes two years ago, they each planned for systems to heat their homes eight months out of the year. The Anderson home, a six-room structure, and the Parks home, a nine-room one, had different heating requirements. Parks wanted air conditioning and Anderson did not. They both turned to electric heat to get what they wanted.

Anderson, who lives on Mt. Airy, Route 2, found that by using electric heat cable imbedded in the ceiling of each room he would invest only \$600 in his heating system. After having used the system a year, Anderson declared, "Electric heat is the finest we have ever used. We spend only \$21 per month for heat during the months we need it."

Each room in the Anderson home has its own thermostat. "This feature alone," said Mrs. Anderson, "allows us to heat only the parts of the house we are in."

Parks lives near Union Grove. He found that an electric heat pump would supply the heat he needed and give him air conditioning for the summer months. "I set one thermostat," explained Parks, "and the temperature remains the same all year around. The heat pump cost me no more than I would have paid for an air conditioning system plus a gas or oil furnace."

The Parks home is all-electric. No fuel other than electricity is used in it. The total power bill averages only \$1.19 per day, 75 cents of which is attributed to heating and air conditioning. "To me," said Mrs. Parks, "this is indeed a low cost for heating and air conditioning our house. Its best feature, I think, is the constant year-round temperature. Sometimes, particularly in the spring and fall, we need heat at night and cooling in the daytime. We have both and never have to touch a switch to get what we need."

Cost was but one of the factors that caused these two families to favor electric heat. Both ladies quickly point out that it's the cleanest heat they have ever used. With no flame to introduce smoke, soot, or moisture into the air, the air is cleaner; consequently, the house requires less repainting.



# Grandma's Remedies

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Reducing was not a matter of debate in grandma's day but leanness was frowned upon and grandma recommended this recipe for good health:

## For Leanness

"Take plenty of sleep. Drink all the water the stomach can stand in the morning on rising. Take moderate exercise in the open air, eat oatmeal, cracked wheat, graham mush, baked sweet apples and toast with broiled beef. Cultivate jolly people and bathe daily."

I still own her "receipt book" that advises this cure for "toothache."

## Cure For Toothache

"Take a goose quill and cut it off where it begins to hollow. Scrape off a little of each nail of the hands and feet. Put it in the quill and stop it up. After that, bore a hole towards the rise of the sun, into a tree that bears no fruit. Put the quill, with the scrapings from the nails, into the hole and with three strokes (no more) close up the hole with a bung made of pine wood. To make this cure certain it must be done on the first

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No, Grandpaw, not Mr. McKinley'

NOVEMBER, 1958

Friday of the new moon in the morning."

The cure my grandmother always used, however, was to take an onion, (medium sized) and roast it. While hot she bound it over the pulse on the opposite side from the aching tooth.

In later years Grandma became a convert of Dr. King through his "Guide to Health and Household Instructor and Prize Cook Book." He advertised his "Electric Bitters," "New Discovery Cough Medicine," and "New Life Pills."

New Life Pills were supposed to be a cure or insurance against appendicitis and were alleged to make you live almost forever, so Grandma started taking them. She also kept a good supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve on hand.

But though grandma gave up many of her old-fashioned remedies she still insisted on all of her family taking sassafras tea, and whether it was a small headache or a severe burn, I always remember Grandma Blythe for her "healing touch."

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# Rural Roundtable

This Month our Teen Panel Answers The Question:



## How can I make and keep friends of my own age?

### PATSY HARRIS

Albemarle, Union EMC

"Regardless of age, 'the only way to have a friend is to be one.' The best way to practice this is to follow the Golden Rule. Kindness, loyalty, and honesty are traits which have to be practiced in true friendship. A neat, well-groomed appearance and a ready smile are most important in making and keeping friends. It is a good idea to learn the other person's interests, then get interested in those subjects or activities. Read good books, listen to good TV programs, and join worth while organizations so that your life can be full and interesting."

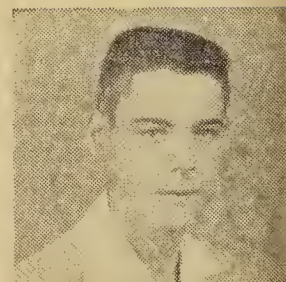


### STEVE REEVES

Canton, Haywood EMC

"To give and keep friends you should first give everyone a chance to be your friend. Always be able to see the other side of things and not just your own. Don't try to be the center of attention all the time, but be courteous and wait your turn to express your opinions. To gain friends you must know where to stop 'fun' before it becomes destructive and hurts someone's feelings.

"Be clean in body and mind; no one likes to be embarrassed by their friends' actions or words. Most of all 'Be yourself.'"



### GORDON BECTON, JR.

Beaufort, Carteret-Craven EMC

"The best way to make friends is to always be cheerful and thoughtful. You will be liked by everyone if you are cheerful. A smile goes a long way in making friends. If you are thoughtful of others, people will respect you much more. Just show people you are willing to help them and be a friend if they need a friend.

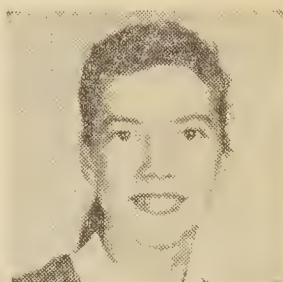
"Another thing to remember in winning friends is that you must be able to follow others as well as to lead them."



### LYNDA HICKS

Wake Forest, Wake EMC

"I think to be popular and have a lot of friends you have to be: honest (but learn to stretch the truth a little); sympathetic; tolerant; tactful; graceful; cheerful; and be ready to 'give in' a little. Also the reason some teenagers are not popular is that they're shy. To overcome this, concentrate on the person you're talking to, not yourself. In a nutshell, 'Be yourself.'"



### THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

comes from Viola Gatling, Rt. 1, Murfreesboro, whose parents are members of Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation. Viola is 15 years old and a sophomore at the Calvin Scott Brown High School. She writes us that she enjoys reading the *Carolina Farmer* monthly, and that her special talents are cooking and sewing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gatling.

We think that Viola's question is a very important one to teen-agers, for, as she says, "it's sometimes easier to gain a friend than to keep one." The new panel has done an excellent job in answering this important question.

Our new Rural Roundtable panel would like to hear YOUR special problems. If you have a question you'd like discussed, send it to the Rural Roundtable, the *Carolina Farmer*, Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. If your question is chosen for the panel, we'll send you \$5. To be eligible for the \$5, you must be a teen-ager and your parents must be members of a rural electric cooperative.

Along with your question, send the following information about yourself: (1) Your name and the name of your parents. (2) Your address. (3) Name of your electric cooperative. (4) Name of your high school and the grade you're now attending. (5) Your age. (6) Club in which you participate and special talents.



## Dear Reader

(Continued from Page 3)

operatives had in him, the Administration would call in Kenneth Scott and Ezra Benson to lobby for the unpopular proposals.

Ultimately, there would come a day when Dave, having built up a storehouse of friends among directors and managers, would add a little something to his many speeches around the country. He would propose not an increased interest rate as such, but that the co-ops "pay the cost of money to the government for needed loans." He would suggest also that "the expected size of the loan funds required in the future suggests that we begin to search for an additional source of capital."

In essence, he would ask for the same things his administration proposed to the last Congress. Congress didn't accept the proposals. The Wall Street bill never found a congressman to introduce it. The REA interest bill received committee hearings only indirectly, when it was held up as Exhibit A of a Sherman Adams-engineered master plan to destroy REA. (Sherman master-minded the Dixon-Yates take-away, and called the signals on a play that took Hells Canyon from the people and gave it to his New England friends who own Idaho Power Company.)

**HERE'S NO WAY SHORT** of mind-boggling to determine whether David Hamil has always been in tune with administration on these things, or whether he was forced by administrative loyalty to come around to support them. Most rural electric people say, "because they feel Hamil is 'one of them,'" that it was party pressure on a man who would sacrifice his political career if he bucked his administration. There's evidence to support either allegation. He told me a year and a half ago that he felt the present interest rate was adequate "right now." But he also said, "We should be looking for new sources of credit. It's better to ask for these things than have them forced upon us."

It really doesn't make a rip why, the fact is that David Hamil is actively trying to get rural electric directors and managers to support things they fought bitterly and successfully the past two years. And he fought them for good reason. Right after the Hiestand Bill was

introduced, I asked David Hamil whether REA had conducted any study to determine what would happen to the co-ops under an increased interest rate. Hamil said it had not, and did not contemplate such a study. Nevertheless, the legislation was proposed (reputedly without Hamil's prior knowledge).

The Administration may have been blind to the results, but North Carolina cooperatives weren't. Bill Crisp surveyed them to find out what would have happened under a 4% interest rate, which is a modest guess at what the interest would have been under the Hiestand Bill. From 1946 to 1956, almost 12 of the state's cooperatives would have operated in the red every year due solely to 4% interest. What would happen to your farm if you operated in the red for 10 straight years? The same thing would happen to your cooperative.

Actually, nobody knows what the interest rate will be from day to day when you hitch it to the earnings of government securities. The money manipulators of an unfriendly administration could easily cut the lights off in thousands of farm homes under such an arrangement, simply by issuing government securities that bear artificially high interest. In 1953, George Humphrey issued securities that bore an unrealistic interest rate, and the result was to pour millions of dollars into the pockets of speculators and needlessly take millions from taxpayers. Perhaps he made a bad guess. Perhaps he was paying a debt to Wall Street.

Congress was wise to fix REA's interest rate at 2%. It removed the rural electrics from the dangers of bad guesses and political payoffs.

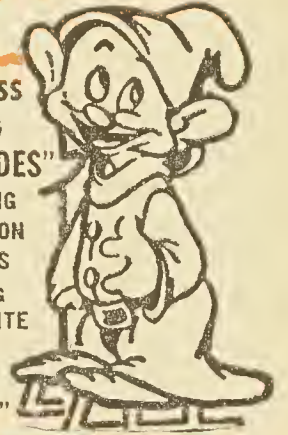
**DAVID HAMIL HAS DONE A GOOD JOB** administering the law as it is written, and he deserves the thanks of rural people. But they shouldn't be blind to the fact that he is now advocating legislation that would ruin many rural electric cooperatives. He defended his stand on one occasion on the grounds that it would be good "public relations."

If a 6% interest rate is good public relations, it follows that a 12% interest rate would be twice as good. Certainly the lenders would love you, if there was anything left to love.

*J. C. Brower, Jr.*  
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Julian Guthrie and son Eddie, Harkers Island  
"You wouldn't believe how fast they got the power back."



Carteret-Craven EMC

At Cedar Island, Co-op crews were slowed by wind-blown grass, which made it impossible to tell roads from water.

## *A different Kind of Storm*

WHEN it was all over, the men who work for North Carolina's coastal cooperatives were happy in the way that a boy who has just left his dentist's is happy. Happy that it didn't hurt worse, and proud of the way he stood the pain.

From the 9,000-member Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation in southeastern North Carolina up the coast to 2,300-member Pamlico-Beaufort, the story of Hurricane Helene was the same. There were more lines down than in any previous storm, but power was restored quicker.

B. R. (Bert) Russ of Shallotte, line superintendent for Brunswick, defined Helene for all of the 11 cooperative electric systems which withstood her onslaught. "There's something different about every storm," he said. "The main thing different about this one was that we were ready for it."

Russ and several hundred other cooperative employees up and down the storm-battered tidelands went for more than 36 hours without seeing a bed. Even at the height of the tempest they were in the swamps clearing trees from primary lines, directing operations with the help of two-way radios, locating line breaks, and soothing members who didn't understand why their neighbors across the road had power and they didn't.

Their wakefulness paid off. Most rural electric cooperative members had power within 24 hours after Helene

blew in with sustained winds of 130 miles an hour. Some members, like Mrs. M. H. Lupton, of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, didn't miss a meal.

The cooperatives, and agencies which serve them, had a previously prepared plan for greeting Helene, and trucks and men from inland cooperatives were on their way to the coast even before the storm struck. In Raleigh, Gwyn Price, state Rural Electrification Authority chairman, and Bill Shertzer, field representative for the federal REA, volunteered their organizational skill and facilities to get assistance to cooperatives that needed it. By Friday morning, September 26, they had an accurate catalog of how many men and vehicles the inland cooperatives could furnish. On Saturday, when Helene struck, and on Sunday, requests for help kept Price and Shertzer on duty around the clock. As calls came in, frequently relayed by ham radio operators, they notified the inland co-ops, which immediately dispatched crews and vehicles eastward. As far away as French Broad EMC in mountainous Madison County, co-op managers kept line crews on duty all day Saturday should they be needed on the coast.

One cooperative, South River of Dunn, sent crews and equipment to help out a town, Southport, whose municipally-owned system was knocked out.

Seven cooperatives sent 11 trucks and

26 men to help five coastal neighbors. Some of the co-ops in the path of the storm employed engineering and in at least one case, members themselves came in and volunteered their services.

Brunswick was the first to feel the fury of Helene. Arriving shortly after breakfast Saturday, she battered the area for five terrifying hours with winds between 125 and 130 miles an hour. Before the storm moved on, Brunswick's system, she knocked out power on 850 miles of line, snapped poles, destroyed 1 transformer on primary lines in 1,000 places, and shut down service to about 2,000 homes. Most of the breaks were caused by falling trees.

Brunswick had been ready for the storm since the night before, and within 45 minutes after the blow, power was flowing from all four directions. From then until Tuesday, a total of 50 men worked night and day to restore service to every member of the system. Russ directed the work by two-way radio; coffee and sandwiches were sent to the men in the field; the office force which stayed in town did the job; and gasoline was speedily delivered to trucks rather than have them return to Shallotte for refueling.

"We had more outages than Hazel," reported Russ, "but we had service in half the time."

Dr. E. D. Bishop, manager of the Brunswick system, estimated that total





Mrs. Eldon Littleton, Carteret-Craven  
Mrs. Littleton shows Manager W. C. Carlton pictures taken in other storms. Littletons named a child Connie Diane, after '55 hurricanes.



Clarence Willis, Harkers Island Merchant  
He stood to lose \$250 worth of food in freezer, but co-op saved the day with quick power restoration.

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on the main street of Shallotte  
were people eager to put in a  
word for their cooperative. Her-  
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ret-Craven lost its power at 2:30  
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service was restored. Most  
s had power long before. Mrs.  
Littleton, who lives near Beau-

fort, has been through four storms, and  
was driven from her home by some,  
but she thought the wind was stronger  
in Helene. "I don't see how they got  
the power back on so fast," Mrs.  
Littleton said.

Carteret-Craven fought back from the  
storm with help from Tri-County Elec-  
tric Membership Corporation at Golds-  
boro and from an engineering firm.  
The storm struck at 2 p. m., and crews  
worked 39 hours straight without sleep.  
W. C. Carlton, manager of Carteret-  
Craven, was most pleased that not a  
single man was injured in the hazard-  
ous duty.

The nicest tribute came after the  
storm. It was a letter from a mem-  
ber at Swansboro, who had lost his  
power when a transformer went out.  
He wrote:

"From its beginning, I have al-  
ways thought well of REA . . . now  
I think even better of it, having used  
your service for 18 months.

"By candle light I called your night  
number collect, which call was re-  
ceived and a woman's voice cheer-  
fully promised that the trouble would  
soon be repaired.

"It was very dark and rain was  
falling, but in less than an hour your  
truck had driven more than 25 miles  
to bring us service. The two young  
men worked gallantly in the rain,  
lifting, struggling, to get a new heavy  
transformer into place, and finally  
service was restored.

". . . we are all grateful for your  
fine service."

Yours very truly,  
/s/ L. Reid Gilreath  
Swansboro, N. C.

The storm cost Carteret-Craven less  
than \$10,000, most of which went for  
labor.

A short distance away, Harkers Is-

land felt the worst of the storm about  
7 p. m. Saturday night, although the  
co-op's power supply from the main-  
land was lost four hours earlier. Five  
miles off at Cape Lookout, the wind  
was recorded at 125 knots before the  
instrument was knocked out. Trans-  
lated to land measurements, 125 knots  
is a frightening 143 miles per hour.  
By Sunday at 1:50 p. m., almost every-  
body on the island had power again.

Maxwell Willis, manager of Harkers  
Island Electric Membership Corpora-  
tion, said it was the hardest blow he  
could remember. "I prayed that the  
line to the mainland would hold," Willis  
said. "It did."

In addition to the co-op's own small  
crew, it obtained help from an engi-  
neering firm via two-way radio. The  
co-op's radio system was the island's  
only contact with the mainland for sev-  
eral hours.

Total damage was \$800, a consider-  
able amount for a water-locked system  
serving only 400 members, but the co-  
op has reserve funds to cover the loss.

At Grantsboro, Donald Rice, man-  
ager of Pamlico-Beaufort Electric  
Membership Corporation, reported that  
the co-op had prepared for the storm,  
but "we didn't realize how bad it was  
until it was over." Pamlico-Beaufort  
is bounded on three sides by water, and  
during previous storms floods hampered  
repair efforts. Helene actually caused  
more line damage, but linemen didn't  
have to contend with water in making  
repairs. Helped by crews from Pitt  
and Greene EMC at Farmville and  
Edgecombe-Martin at Tarboro, Pam-  
lico-Beaufort had restored power to 50  
per cent of the members by Sunday  
night, and to 85 per cent by Monday  
night. The men worked for 36 hours  
without sleep, beginning Saturday night.

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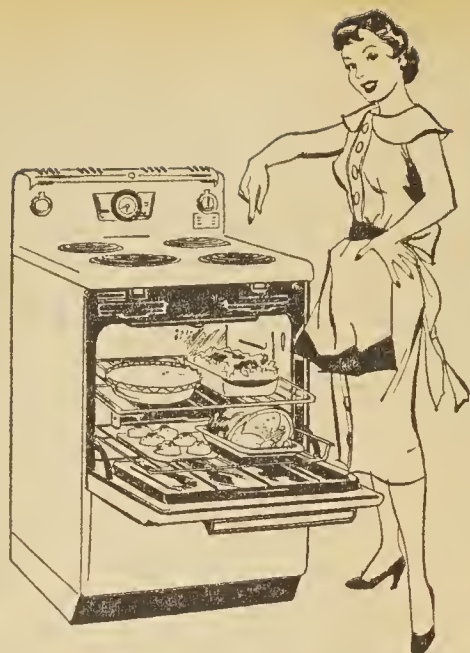
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## Controlled Cooking

### HOMEMADE CANDIES

**H**oliday time is candy time. Whether you are preparing little gifts for neighbors, leaving a snack for Santa or stuffing stockings, homemade candies are always welcome.

Home Economists tell us that the secret to making perfect candy lies in accurate temperature control. For this reason, investment in a candy thermometer (they're very inexpensive) will eliminate the guess work in your holiday candy making.

Before beginning, check the accuracy of your thermometer by testing it in boiling water. The thermometer should read 212 degrees, but elevation may cause some variation for which you must compensate. For example, if the water boils at 210 degrees, subtract two degrees from the finishing temperature of your candy; if it boils at 214 degrees, add two degrees.

To protect a liquid-in-glass type thermometer, warm it before plunging into a boiling solution. Place the adjustable clip over the edge of the pan with the thermometer deep enough in the solution so the bulb is well covered, according to the manufacturer's directions. Set the sliding indicator for the proper finishing temperature according to the following tested temperature chart:

*Caramel*—above 310° F.—stiff ball—245° F.

*Hard Crack*—290° to 310° F.—medium ball—240° F.

*Medium Crack*—272° to 290° F.—soft ball—236° to 238° F.

*Light Crack*—264° to 272° F.—thread 234° F.

*Hard Ball*—250° to 264° F.—syrup stage—230° F.

One of the simplest and most versatile candies is fondant. It can be used to stuff dates, prunes, and apricots; melted, it can be used to dip fruit and nuts; or it can be tinted, moulded and decorated into a variety of shapes.



**COOK YOUR OWN GOOSE** this Thanksgiving or Christmas, and like it. Select a young bird and allow about one pound, ready-to-cook weight, per serving. Prepare for cooking just as for any other fowl, except remove any large layers of fat from the body cavity.

Roast goose may or may not be stuffed.

Stuffings that have little or no added fat are usually preferred. Celery, onion, apple, cranberry, dried fruit stuffings (apricots, currants, prunes, raisins), sauerkraut and mashed potatoes are among the favorites. Here's a stuffing that is particularly good with roast goose:

#### APPLE APRICOT STUFFING

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1/4 cup butter or bacon fat                          | 1 tsp. grated lemon rind |
| 2 quarts diced tart apples                           | 2/3 tsp. cinnamon        |
| 1/4 cup brown sugar                                  | 4 cups dry bread cubes   |
| 2 cups apricots (No. 2 1/2 can, drained and chopped) |                          |

Heat butter or bacon fat in large heavy skillet; add diced apples, brown sugar, cinnamon and lemon rind. Stir over low heat until apples are just tender, not mushy. Add bread cubes and apricots, tossing together lightly. Makes enough for a 10-12 pound goose.

After goose is stuffed, roast promptly. Place trussed goose, breast up, on a rack in a shallow, uncovered pan. Roast in a slow oven (325° F) about 25 minutes per pound. Don't add water or fat. No need to baste.

During the roasting, fat should be spooned or siphoned off as it accumulates in the pan. This will assure fat, light in color, not browned or overdarkened. Set this fat aside for use in other cooking and as a shortening.

To be sure your goose is cooked to perfection, use a roast meat thermometer (either portable, or the one attached to your range) to remove all guesswork. Insert thermometer between the first and second ribs of the bird, then push tip to the center of the stuffing, or insert the thermometer in the center of the inside thigh muscle. The goose is cooked when the thermometer reads 180° in the stuffing or 190° in the leg.

Serve with giblet gravy and spiced crab apples, apricots, or other tangy side dishes.

Refrigerate leftover goose and gravy, well-covered, as soon as possible after the meal. Remove any stuffing and refrigerate separately. Use this food within two or three days, before it dries out and loses flavor.



# Winter Wonderland



The lady of the house may be inclined to treat the family dining table as just a place where the family eats. But it can be so much more, with just a little bit of effort. Certainly, the new season, winter, with its Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, deserves some special touches, particularly since these are the times when North Carolina families are taking special awareness of each other.

Here's a festive tablesetting that can be made in just a little time from items available in most every home. It's perfect for a holiday centerpiece—or for just a special winter evening meal with the family. No professional touch is needed for this arrangement.

Old-fashioned, colonial miniature church and sleigh cut-outs set on a snowy field of popcorn make a wonderful centerpiece (see photo), and here is all that's required to set this Winter Wonderland on your table:

*A large serving tray or cookie sheet*  
*White and red construction paper*  
*Scissors*  
*Green crayon*  
*Library paste*  
*Corn for popping*  
*A few small evergreen branches*

Place the tray on the table, line the bottom of the tray with fluffy popcorn. Make the church cut-out about 12-inches tall and draw detail: louvered door, door frame and steeple—with crayon. (You can substitute a ready-made miniature church if you have one in your Christmas decorations.) Measure to the center of the base of the church and draw a line up about four and a half inches. Draw a perpendicular line about three inches across the top of the line, forming a "T." Cut along the lines, fold open the doors. The slightly opened doors hold the church upright.

To make the sleigh cut-out, draw a profile of an old-fashioned sleigh (there are always plenty of models to copy from during the winter season—look through some of your old Christmas cards). Cut a triangular shape, fold it in half and paste one half to the back of the cut-out to hold the sleigh upright. (For a Christmas table-setting, draw two profiles, cut out and paste to each side of an empty box—approximately five by 10 inches and two inches high—and fill with small "do not open till after dinner" gifts. In this case, draw a wreath and bow over the door of the church and trim the sleigh with holly-decorated tape.) Surround the edge of the tray with evergreen branches, and there it is, a colonial scene which lends wintry charm to the dinner table.

And, of course, from this basic design, you can use your own imagination for variations.

## Secrets of a Fruit Cake



Fruit cake is a treasure in the cupboard — any time of year. A life-saver when the unexpected guest

arrives . . . a must for the holiday season. Universally popular cakes, they can be kept for months, growing more delicious while they wait. That is, if you know the secret of creating a cake that is flavor rich and slices neatly and easily.

Simply bake your cake early (in October or November) and mellow it with libations of brandy or grape juice . . . for about two months. Time and the spirits combine to pro-

duce a truly superb, old-fashioned fruit cake.

For the gal in a hurry there are excellent fruit cake mixes on the market that also respond to this loving care. Or, if you want the very rewarding pleasure of baking your own fruit cake—the kind you just can't buy—use your family recipe.

Make this adventure fun for the whole family. Gather them together and start slicing glazed fruits and shell-ing nuts. It's easier to plan on two days. **FIRST DAY**, slice fruits and shell nuts; mix these and add molasses and brandy or juice. Let these mellow and ripen over night—this is a very important step. The youngsters can grease pans and paper-line them for you. **SECOND DAY**, make and bake

the cake. It goes easily now, with early preparation out of the way.

Like every profession or art, there are other little touches that help make your cake just right. Here are a few hints to remember.

(1) When you prepare pans, line bottom and sides with heavy brown paper and allow a collar of paper to rise about an inch above sides—makes for easier handling. A double layer of paper on bottom is a good idea. Grease lining well.

(2) Since the percentage of fruit, thickness of cake in pan (whether stem or loaf) vary so much, keep testing your cake with straw or tester. Test in center.

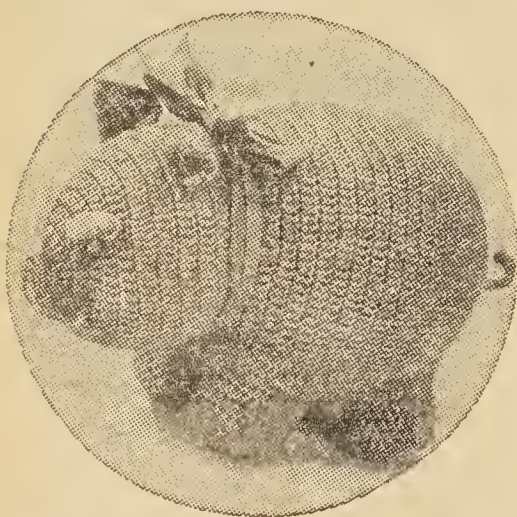


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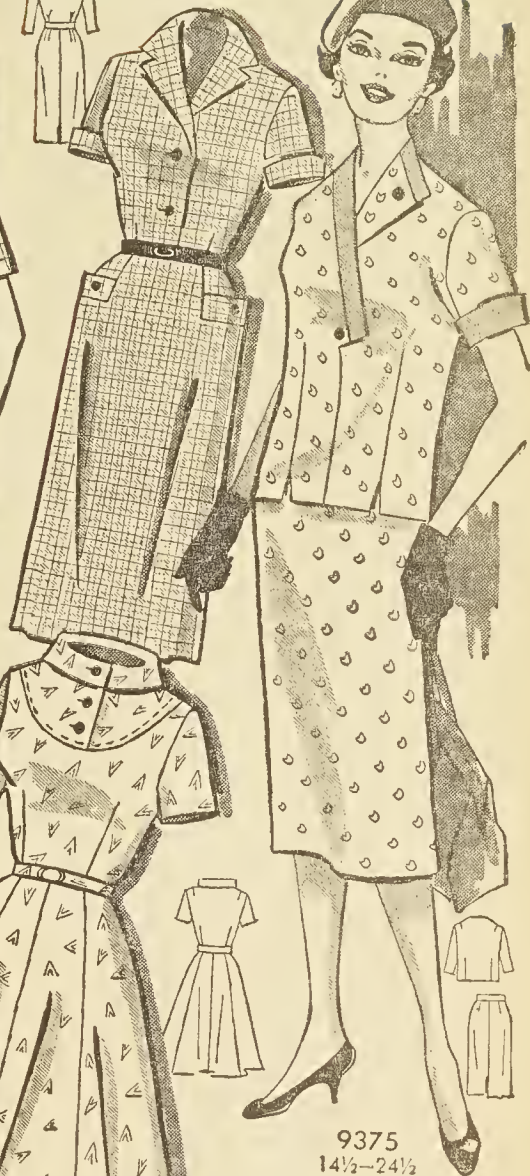
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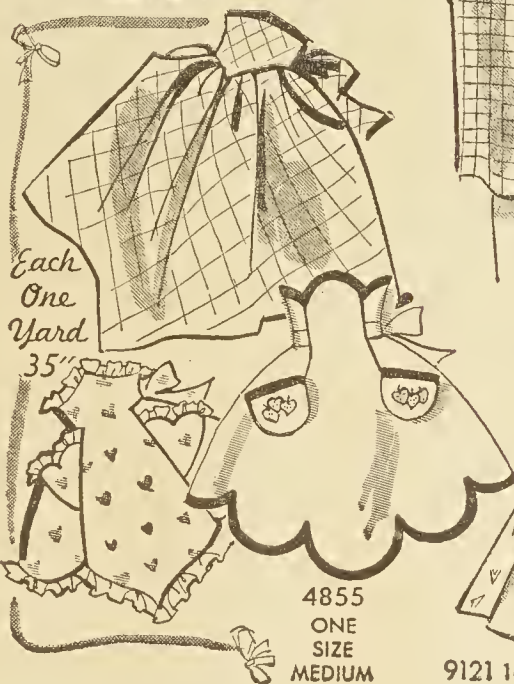
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**PRINTED PATTERNS**  
 4892—Trim your figure with this neat style. The ruffle-trimmed bodice tops favorite 6-gore skirt. Printed Pattern in Half Sizes 14½-26½. Size 16½ takes 4¾ yards 35-inch fabric.

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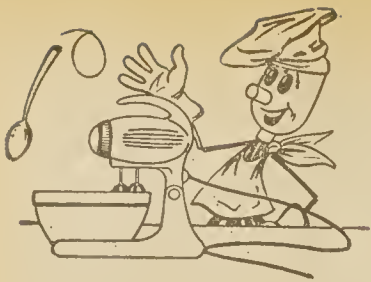


7100



7382. Bright-eyed dolly to make from a man's Size 12 cotton sock. Just right to stuff into a Christmas stocking. Directions for dolly, pattern for pajamas. 7100. Amuse holiday guests with a gay Santa apron. He'll be a handy helper all during the merry season. Directions, embroidery and applique transfer for 16-inch apron. Send **TWENTY-FIVE CENTS** (in coins) for **EACH** pattern to: *The Carolina Farmer*, 243, Needlecraft Service, P. O. Box 162, Old Chelsea Station, New York 11, N. Y. Add **FIVE CENTS** for **EACH** pattern for first-class mailing. Send an additional 25c for Needlework Catalogue.





## Carolina Kitchens

### RECIPES FROM CO-OP HOMEMAKERS

**A** Roanoke EMC homemaker shares with us this month her "family's favorite candy recipe—especially in the Fall when we have new peanuts to use."

Mrs. Carrie Vaun Gay, Rt. 1, Jackson, says that she tagged her peanut candy recipe "peanut crunch," but that her mother taught her to make it before she was married.

*"There are six of us, my husband, his father, our three children (ages 14, 11, and 9), and I," writes Mrs. Gay, "so the peanut candy doesn't last long, as you can imagine. I sometimes make two cookings at one time."*

Mrs. Gay adds that she "enjoys reading the *Carolina Farmer*; the news of our cooperative and the various articles are always interesting. I like to try the recipes and choose dress patterns from the pattern page. The whole family down, to the youngest, read and laugh together at the jokes."

If you want to save Mrs. Gay's recipe, clip it along the dotted lines, paste it on the back of paste board, and stick it in your recipe file.

*If you have a favorite family recipe you'd like to share with other homemakers, send it to: Carolina Farmer, Homemaking Section, Box 1699, Raleigh. If you have a good snapshot of yourself, send it along, too.*

#### CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE



Submitted by Mrs. Carrie Gay

Rt. 1

Jackson, N. C.

#### Peanut Crunch

3 cups peanuts

2/3 cup milk

3 cups sugar

pinch salt

Parch shelled peanuts, remove husk. Grind finely with food chopper. Then measure 3 cups and lightly salt.

Put sugar and milk into sauce pan and heat slowly, stirring often until sugar melts. When it starts to boil do not stir, but let it boil briskly for exactly five minutes. Remove from heat. Dump peanuts into milk mixture. Stir quickly and pour into greased platter. Cut into squares, before mixture is completely cold.

## Over The Lines with Becky



### Thoughts on Christmas cards . . .



Oh, no, don't shake your head. It's not too early to think about Christmas cards . . . and believe me, I have just cause to say so.

The other day I made the mistake of opening my Fibber McGee closet too bruskiy, and instantly found myself surrounded by a mountain of Christmas

cards: Cards from 1955, cards from 1956, cards from 1957!

Those from 1955 and 56 were unaddressed and reminded me that I very efficiently ordered my cards early those two years—and promptly put them away in aforementioned closet where they have rested lo, these many moons! But the story of my 1957 cards is even sadder. Some 100 of them are even addressed in my scrawly handwriting! Last year, you see, I *did* get them ready—but I failed to buy stamps early and when I finally went to the post office during those last hectic hours before the big day, the line at the stamp window was longer than the 10 minutes I had allotted to stamp-buying.

So—on this 17th day of October, I can smugly remind you not to procrastinate in addressing your Christmas cards this year. Mine are already addressed! (Just wish you were around to remind me to buy stamps for then this year.)

And, since I'm such an expert on the do's and don'ts of Christmas card preparation, due to my past experience, I feel highly qualified to offer a few suggestions on this subject:

- First, profit by my unfortunate experiences and begin writing your cards NOW. This will give you time to write personal notes to those people with whom you correspond only on special occasions. And be sure your card expresses friendliness. You can give imprinted cards special warmth by including handwritten messages under the printed names.

- Do sign your complete name when it's not imprinted or engraved. How many Marys and Jims do you know (I'm still puzzling over a Christmas note from a "Jane" which I received some four years ago.)

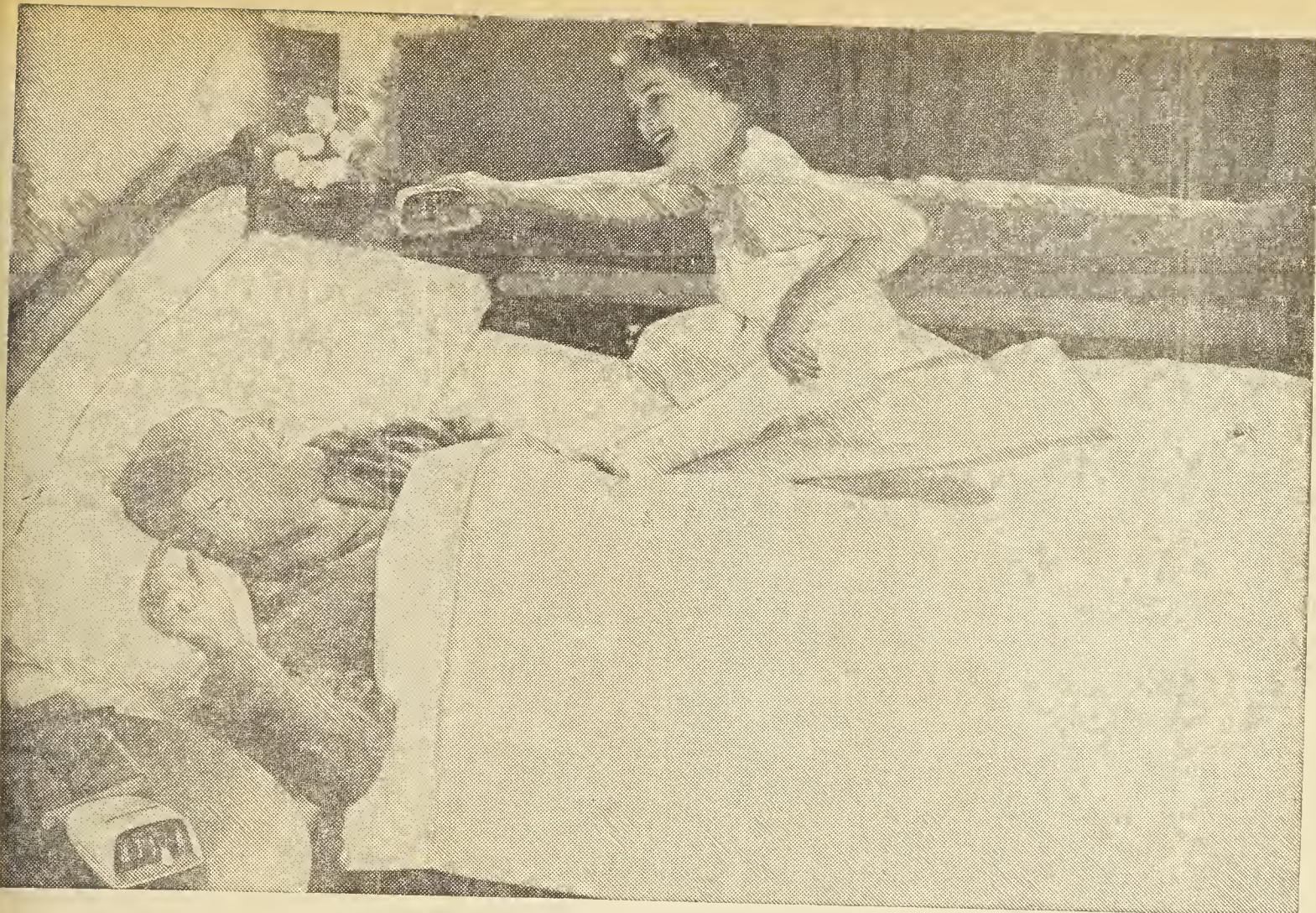
- Put Dad's name first on a family card; then follow it with Mother's and the children according to age and regardless of sex.

- Don't ever use a typewriter to address your Christmas cards, but be sure your handwriting is legible.

- Recheck addresses that are more than a year old. And remember that if you use a four-cent stamp, it will insure forwarding if address has changed or return you if undeliverable. Don't forget to put your return address in upper left-hand corner.

- Use any color ink you choose—black, blue, red, green, gold. But don't use washable ink for envelope addressing. It may smear if exposed to rain or dampness.





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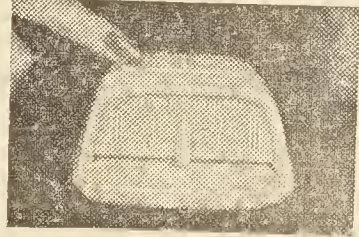
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# Reader's Digest

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Confused by claims for automatic washer features? Thousands of women are. KELVINATOR clears up this confusion.

## Plain Facts You Should Know Before Buying Any Automatic Washing Machine

IN THOUSANDS of homes today, women are still hand-scrubbing clothes, even though they own shiny new automatic washers.

Why? First, because their machines can't get out ground-in dirt without hand-scrubbing. Secondly, many women won't trust fine fabrics to a jerky, back and forth agitator action.

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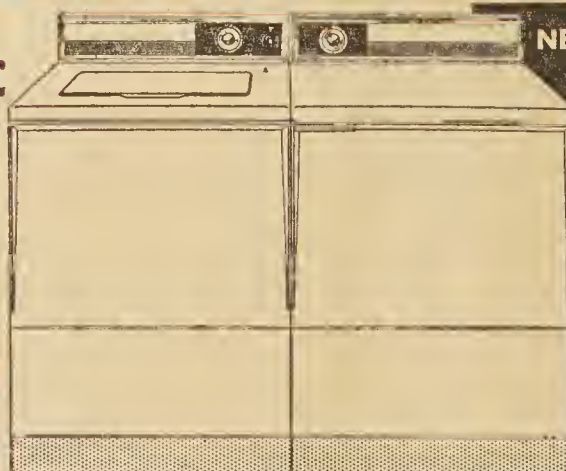
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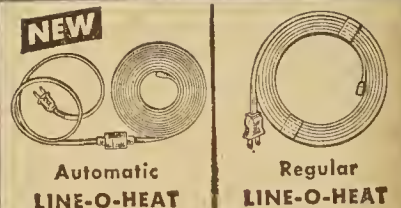
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## Storm

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You can't minimize the loss to such members as Gillikin Brothers Boat-works of Harkers Island, whose main building was destroyed, and the Boliva dairyman who lost 55 cows when the roof of his barn collapsed; but the disaster could have been greater and recovery slower had it not been for the speedy restoration of electric service. The merchants alone who are served by co-ops would have lost thousands of dollars worth of food in freezers had it not been for careful planning by the co-op management and the bravery of the men who went out into the storm to remove trees and repair the lines.

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## THE POOR COWS

Two cows were grazing on the side of a highway when a milk truck passed by. On the side of the truck was written: "Pasteurized, homogenized, standardized, Vitamin A added."

One cow turned to the other and said, "Makes you feel sort of inadequate, doesn't it?"

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## OOPS!

And there's the one about the poor TV announcer doing his first commercial for a new sponsor. With the cameras centered on him, the announcer smiled, took a deep draw of the sponsor's cigarette, blew out a ring of smoke and sighed happily: "Man, that's real coffee!"

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## SLIGHTLY BEHIND

Grandpa was visiting Chicago and was very shocked by the heavy traffic choking every thoroughfare.

"You gotta nice town here," said Grandpa, "but it looks to me like you fellers let yourselves get a mite behind in your hauling."

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## BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Ten-year-old Bobby applied for a job as a grocery boy in the summer. The grocer wanted a quick-witted boy, so he put him to a little test.

"What would you do with a million dollars?" the grocer asked.

"Oh," answered Bobby, "I wasn't expecting quite that much to start."



"Guess what all the neighbors gave me for 'Trick-or-Treat,' Mama!"

# Hale!

## ALL THE SAME

An elderly couple who hadn't traveled much approached one of the ticket windows at the railroad station. The old lady was obviously uneasy in big-city surroundings, and asked timidly: "How much is the fare to Jonesville?"

"\$5.35, ma'am," replied the clerk.

"Well, papa," she said, turning to the old gentleman beside her, "we might as well buy the tickets here. I've asked at all these windows and they all charge the same."

## A PERFECT SQUELCH

A woman collecting for a charity went into a hotel in a small town and asked the man behind the registration desk, who owned the hotel, for a donation. Thinking he would play a good joke on a friend of his, who was sitting in the lobby, he pointed him out to the woman and said in a loud voice, "That's the boss sitting over there. He'll probably give you a donation."

Upon hearing this the friend, without batting an eye, said, "Okay, give her five dollars out of the till."

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## WISE CRACKS

... Since there are no perfect husbands, it's hard to understand what becomes of all those "perfect sons."

... One smart idea would be a car pool for parents whose children are old enough to drive.

... When a boy goes to college it's usually his father who gets an education.

... There's nothing wrong with being poor, except that nowadays most of us can't afford it.

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## PROFITABLE BITE

A youngster walked into a bank to open an account with \$30. The bank's vice-president smiled and asked him how he had acquired so much money.

"Selling magazine subscriptions," replied the boy.

"Well, you've done very well. Sold them to lots of people, obviously."

"Nope," answered the lad proudly. "I sold them all to one family—their dog bit me."



"I fixed a leaky faucet once."



"I'll tell you how to find if she'd make a good wife. Just see if she's got red, rough hands."



## Dunkirk

Anyone with a nodding acquaintance of power company history wasn't surprised by the following addition to it.

Last year residents of Dunkirk, N. Y. voted to sell their municipal electric utility to Niagara Mohawk. They were welcomed into the company with a rate increase "to bring their rates up to the level of the rest of the company's system." The cost of the increase raised power bills at Dunkirk by \$117,000 a year.

A few months ago there was more news from Dunkirk. Niagara Mohawk announced that it was seeking a new increase from all its customers. When asked by reporters about the amount of the new boost, company president Earle J. Machold replied: "I don't know how much the increase will be, but it will be substantial."

Members of rural electric cooperatives who might be asked to consider the sale of their electric system should remember Dunkirk.

## The Best in Men

When the world is rosy, it's easy enough to be a nice guy, but it's times of stress that reveal the most about a person, or for that matter, a business institution.

Hurricane Helene severely tested the innards of North Carolina's coastal electric cooperatives, and we're proud to report that smallness isn't any bar to efficiency or bravery.

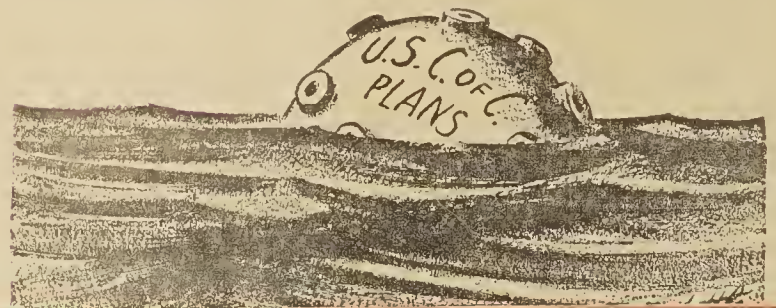
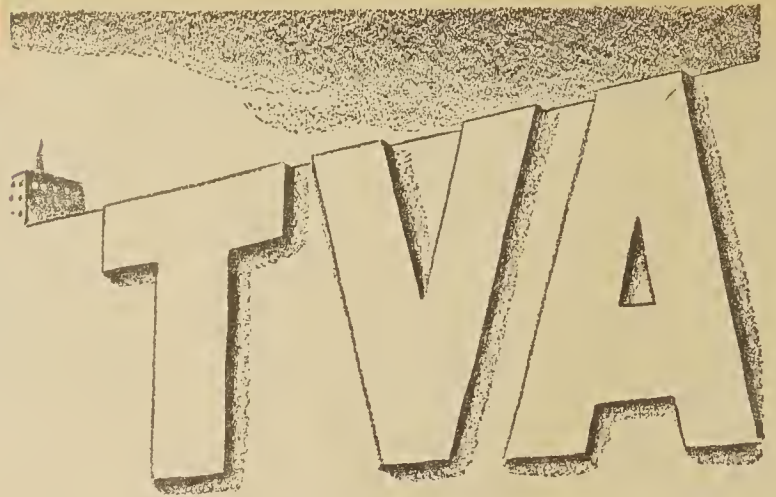
Most members had their electric power restored at least as quickly as city residents, and even those who had to wait many hours until the crews worked down the lines to their houses seemed to understand, and sympathize with the men who worked for as long as 39 hours without sleep.

## Apology

On page 10 of our last issue, we carried pictures of 10th District politicians Charles R. Jonas and his opponent David Clark. Unfortunately, Jonas's picture appeared above Clark's name, and vice versa.

Our red-faced apologies to Mr. Jonas and Mr. Clark; but both men are as handsome as men should be, and it's our guess that if the race is decided on appearance, it will end in a draw.

Always There



## TARHEEL VIEWS

By  
William T. Crisp

The people of the Tennessee Valley—city people as well as rural—face a real power shortage unless Congress passes a vitally needed law next year. The law would have passed last summer except for the opposition of the very interests that for years demanded its passage!



If this sounds confusing, perhaps a brief review of history will clarify things:

TVA, government built, owned and controlled, generates virtually all power consumed in the Tennessee Valley. This power is purchased wholesale by towns and cooperatives, which sell and distribute it to the people.

For many years Congress appropriated whatever funds were needed for expanding TVA's facilities to meet increased demands for electricity. (These funds are, of course, repaid to the government, plus interest, from TVA power revenues.)

The enemies of TVA, notably the power companies and their national mouthpiece, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, argued for years that TVA should finance its expansion from its

own revenue bonds, rather than from government-appropriated funds.

The people of the Valley and the entire three-man TVA board of directors backed a bill in Congress this year which would have authorized just that. It passed the Senate but was blocked in the House.

It failed to receive final approval because of the concentrated opposition of the very interests that had long argued it was needed—the power companies.

Why this change of attitude on the part? Simply this: Encouraged by the many setbacks they have succeeded in imposing on TVA during recent years, they are now after far bigger game. They want to dismantle TVA and take it over themselves.

If they can just bring about a disastrous power shortage in the Valley, they think they can achieve their greedy design through default.

TVA's pioneering efforts in the development of cheap power have had far-reaching competitive effects on the power companies that want to take it over.

TVA operates in parts of North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Virginia, but it belongs to all of the people of this nation, and has produced rich dividends for them. Let us hope that Congress will not now abandon one of its most valuable creations.



# HELP US KEEP THE THINGS WORTH KEEPING

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# WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER 364 DAYS OF THE YEAR?



**ONCE** a year these owners of a typical North Carolina rural electric cooperative meet to conduct their business, and so do you. Probably the most significant action you take at your annual meeting is to elect a board of directors which will handle your cooperative business affairs the rest of the year. The quality of service you receive and the financial stability of your cooperative depend on how carefully you selected the directors to represent you. They employ the manager of your cooperative, and they are the bridge between you — the member owner — and the people who perform the day-to-day task of providing your electric service. The cooperative manager has only such power as is given to him by the board. In many instances, the board delegates its authority to the manager, but in many others it acts directly.

**MEETING** once a month without pay, the board members approve budgets, authorize expenditures, accept new members, let contracts for line extensions, and set rates. The board of directors of your cooperative is its heart. The health of your business depends on how strong it beats.

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